

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Location: U of D Paradee Center, 69 Transportation Circle, Dover, DE

Members Present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Express of Delaware)
Pat Canzano (DSWA)
Dick Cecil (Del. Association of Counties)
Nancy Marker proxy for Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
Sheba Thomas proxy for George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Dick Fleming (Delaware Nature Society)
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)
Basil Kollias (DE Chamber of Commerce)
Wally Kremer (DeEASI)
Kelly Davis (DeTech, Owens Campus)
Carrie Leishman (Restaurant Industry)
Julie Miro Wenger (Delaware Food Industry Council)
Kyle Sonnenberg (DE League of Local Governments)
Pat Todd (League of Women Voters)

Members Absent: Tom Houska (Waste Management, Inc.)

Non-Members Present:	Jim Short (DNREC)	Bob Barrish (Private Citizen)
	Tracy Sargent (DNREC)	John Giles (Town of Elsmere)
	Bill Miller (DNREC)	Charlie Seaver (Good Idea Dev.)
	Shannon Splittorff (DNREC)	Allen Thienpont (IDS Waste Indust.)
	Wayne LaMalva (Cascade Carts)	Shannon Argo (Blue Hen Disposal)
	Deb Smedley (DE Sanitation)	Mike Stang (M T Trash)
	Joe Maier (Econo Haul)	Bob Ziegler (Allied Waste – RSG)
	Stan Mills (Rehoboth Beach)	Rich Goldberg (All Star Recycle)
	Jeff Hague (Private Citizen)	Bruce Stables (DE Cheaper Trash)
	Alice Jacobson (MDSWA/NSWMA)	Tammy Cason (DE Cheaper Trash)
	Linda Powell (Palmatory's Sanitation)	Mike Parkowski (DSWA)
	Heather Pellrin (DNREC)	

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 P.M. He welcomed everyone and asked for each person to introduce themselves.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 15, 2010

The minutes of the December 15 meeting were unanimously approved.

Recycle Delaware Drop-off Site

Pat C. voiced that some haulers have concerns about the Recycle Delaware Drop-Off Sites. The DSWA will be analyzing the program closely from April to September and then will remove some of

the lesser used sites. They do not plan to remove any opportunities for other commodities such as motor oil or batteries. Debbie Smedley asked about posting signs at the sites about universal recycling and Pat C. said the DSWA will look into it. Pat C. also announced a pilot program for Household Hazardous Waste drop-off every Friday at the Cheswold Transfer Station from 8am to 2pm. Mike P. announced that the DSWA will be removing some electronic goods collection sites due to misuse vandalism and theft. However they are adding six electronic goods collection events.

By-Laws

After a short discussion, several new By-Laws were unanimously approved.

Universal Recycling Grant and Loan Recommendations

Jim S. explained the process & guiding principles for the grant recommendations and that DNREC does not want the program to issue more funding than it can collect. He also presented an overview of proposed funding of the applicants. A formula based upon the company's number of customers was applied to level the funding of truck costs among applicants. Jim S. added that future grant or loan requests will not fund trucks as favorably as this cycle of the program. Grant applicants wanted to know the timetable of the distribution of the grant money and when the contracts would be available for review. Jim said DNREC's goal is as soon as possible, guessing awardees might see a draft contract in a couple weeks. The grant recommendations were approved unanimously with Sheba Thomas, Pat C., Kyle Sonnenberg, and Carrie F. abstaining from voting. BJ thanked DNREC for their hard work in review and compilation of data.

Recycling Industry Reporting Requirements

Jim S. stated that he did get comments for the 2011 requirements but due to the workload for the Universal Recycling Grants, this was put on a back burner. But DNREC will work with DSM Environmental, who collects recycling industry data, to finalize the requirements and to reach out to entities.

Outreach and Education

Bill M. reported that the subcommittee has met and discussed scheduling workshops, modifying the "Make a Difference Logo", working on website, and other messages. Bill M. requested anyone contact him with questions or ideas.

Recycling Industry Market Updates

Paul B. indicated that markets are good. He reported no or little change in paper or cardboard markets. He also stated that demand is substantially strong overseas.

Old /New Business

Pat T. asked what the position of RPAC is towards House Bill 29 which would have waste haulers separate the costs of trash service and recycling service in their billing. Alice J. said the waste haulers do not support the bill because it would add costs since they already have programs in motion. Consumers are advised to shop around to get the best price for the service they are seeking. The RPAC will monitor the bill and may invite sponsors of House Bill 29 to the next meeting.

Additional Public Comments

Jeff H. debated about the Universal Recycling Law, in particular that interpretation of the waste haulers rate increase language. Jim S. explained that participants in the grant program cannot raise their rates as a result of implementing curbside recycling but may raise their rates resulting from increases in landfill fees or fuel prices.

Stan M. mentioned that some recyclables processors can accept all types of plastics and he would like to see all types acceptable in Delaware. Pat C. says that markets drive the process and DSWA will expand their acceptable materials when markets drive most processors to do the same.

Bob B. asked the generation of funding from the recycling fee. Jim explained that the data DNREC has is only for one month at this point and it is low. If projected out, the fee would generate about \$10.5 million instead of the budgeted \$22 million.

Future Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2011 at the Brandywine Hundred Library, 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.